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To Whom It May Concern.

I request you **cease to allow** the practice of forced molting of hens. This practice is not only **inhumane**, it is **unnecessary** and creates salmonella in eggs, endangering all of us. Ending this practice is the most effective manner in which to decrease salmonella because this practice creates weak and sick birds which then produce salmonella in eggs.

It is also morally wrong to create such suffering in the lives of these animals.

I hope I can count on your ending this practice immediately.

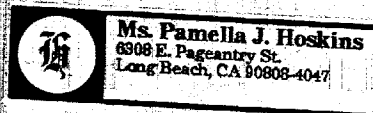
Sincerely,



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